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BUNCOMBE BILLS.

A certain North Carolina statesman ing a speech on the floor of Congress which was not particularly relevant to

The incident gave a name to those speeches in every legislative assembly which are not intended to influence legislative action, but are merely meant for home circulation and consumption. The same name may not measures which are proposed in every laws, but merely to make the representative solid with some portion of

bills already introduced into the new able to say whether any of them are some acquaintance with the character of many bills heretofore introduced at other sessions, it is not unlikely that some of the character described may

ore or less laudable ambition of any where, statesman to stand well with certain

are not slow to detect the object of

ble, and to stand sponsor for such duces them, and they may return at some most inopportune time, even in "making better the lower races."

of this character are demagogic in citizenship." their provisions and seriously alarm business men and business interests who do not realize how impossible of enactment they are. The result is to array that class of our citizens against legislation as a whole, and to cause them to condemn the whole Legislature for the fault of a few.

It is to be hoped that our present legislators will avoid an error which may cause widespread harm for the sake of a doubtful advantage to a few members.

The plain duty of every representative is to introduce only those measures of which his judgment and his conscience approve, and which he can advocate and defend with perfect sin-

WOMEN WHO SMOKE.

New York celebrated the coming of the new year, among various other things, by giving fresh encouragement to ladies who wish to smoke in public places. Several of the larger hotels and restaurants, which had before had rules against the practice, then announced that they would permit it. Ladies who are addicted to nicotine were doubtless jubilant. But then appeared the heavy hand of the law, threatening-wise, "Little Tim" Sullivan introduced a bill into the new Board of Aldermen, under the uncompromising title: "An ordinance for the preservation of good order," which provides penalties on any keeper of a restaurant, hotel or saloon who per-mits women to smoke in his establishment. If the bill never passes, it at least serves to show that the law has its eye on the lady-smoker,

The point about smoking by women however, is not that it is out of "order. It is simply that it does not appear quite "nice." By the standards now existing in this country, women who smoke in public places are apt to be regarded as not "well-bred." Whatever the hapits and the tastes of our "smart sets." the average man does not like to see s girl in whom he is at all in-

Rensselaer, in the exclusive society tion of this improvement. The records novel, produces her dainty diamond- of antiquity will preserve us from too studded case, selects a monogrammed great a complacence. The Roman citiweed, made to her order at \$9 a hun. zen was no despicable person. He had dred, and "draws a contented puff," it a considerable pride in maintaining the ly shocked. We do not think that Greece, earlier, had developed a protty good "character of citizenship." More merely set her down for a very silly than 2,300 years have passed since

The sanction of the restaurateurs, How far has the race since progresses and the sturdy intervention of Tim Sul-livan, might seem to indicate that the yearning for tobacco has been growing

Richmond (and suburbs), Manches-i Petersburg—

The Times-Dispatch does not believe average audience at a Greek theatre that it has. Talk of that kind has been too common in the past. Every authority, was considerably more inbeen too common in the past. Every few months "a leading tobacconist" space-writer on the remarkable in the Greek intellect, it must be said, is crease of smoking among ladies. Each something of an anomaly in history. time the number of his female cus- We do not find it matched anywhere tomers has been growing by leaps and and if Athens raised a Socrates, it also bounds. If all of this were true, every killed him. Nor was Rome, proverbialemposing-room; 4042, business office; 4047. York is far from being-as it is among fort, if persistent, must tell. Educathese, say, of Paris; but there are few tion, reformatory work, humane legisindications now that that time is close lation, wise administration of penal-

indications now that that time is close at hand.

"THE WAR" IN PARIS.

The Japanese war-scare, which yot something of a frost in the mere important American cities, did only fairly well in the provinces and never established a speaking acquaintance in Tokyo, has re-emerged from its temporary obscurity. It is in Paris, and appears to be doing nicely. Paris was always enthusiastic in according "receptions." It seems to have done its prettiest for this old friend of ours, Just who found the war-scare again, recognized it in the shabby allapidation with which evil days have dimmed its pristine effugence, brushed it up and reintroduced it to good society, must remain a mystery. Maybe this long-haired and long-eared journalist add the trick, maybe that. It must suffice us only to learn the fact. All Parls knows to-day that Japan and the Links of the class of the clairs and the arrival of Laura Jean in the fact of the clair of Laura Jean in the manner of the clair of the clair of the propose of the said that all seed to the control of the fact that the recent criminal charges that were precipit of the fact that the recent criminal charges that were precipit on the fact that the filter of The Times-Dispatch. Str.—Owing to the fact that the recent criminal charges that were precipit of the policion of the fact that the recent criminal charges that were precipit on the said that all women were perjurers. He explains that all seasof the Policio concealing and with manner the policion of the fact that the recent criminal charges have resulted in a go have resulted in the fact that the referred again and the morth of the fact that the recent criminal charges that were precipit of the Policio concent were cent criminal charges that were precipit on the said that all the policion of the fact that the recent criminal charges have resulted in the fact that the recent criminal charges that were precipit on the said that all the policion of the fact that the recent criminal charges have resulted in the fact that the recent crimin the United States are going to grapple try can survive the sale of the London in a death-struggle, and that right Libbey with eighty new melodramas.

learning that a bloody and feroclous red-bearded Texas widows are now war awaits it at the bend of the read "withdrawn from circulation." They will doubtless find a counterpart in the bosom of the Mikado. Possibly we may hope that this combined regret will be of sufficient with the circulation manager was lavish much be of sufficient with the circulation. They the circulation manager was lavish with clubbing offers, long-time paynever had any in these parts, though ments and handsome premiums. will be of sufficient weight to inspire brave the anger of Paris and bid the too eager war-cloud to hover clse-where.

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Challenged by the Charleston News these measures, and the detection is diana fell off from 8,004 in the decade them. Nothing militates against the 3,264 persons in 1890, 3,165 in 1907. the relief of the poor in 1891; in the past year, only \$233,612. And these past year, only \$233,612. And these and similar figures in the face of a ginia no one assumes any necessary connection between sausage and pigs. picion may attach to all, and thus nearly \$25,000 between 1890 and 1990. greatly hamper him in the advocacy The Indianapolis newspaper feels justified in declaring, therefore, that character of the citizenship in In-

conscious effort of a people to ameliorate its own condition must bear fruit. More serious still, many of the bills It must flower in "the character of the Yet evolution moves eral

Borrowed Jingles

HER TASTE FOR GORE.

At seventeen she proudly were his colors and was glad to see

How little fear he had of gore; his punting filled her heart with glee;
She shoulded when he got the ball and clapped her hands to see him run, and though his bleeding features all were shapeless when the game was done. She praised nim for the way he saved dear alma maier from disgrace.

And sweetly pressed her lips against the only clean spot on his face.

It with chilling dread, at thirty-eight she offered up a solemn prayer.

The record he had made was great, but sadiy she refused to care;
She heard the faint and far-off cheers, and had foreboddings that were flark—

There was a lull—A thousand fears came crowding in upon her—hark!

"But it need not be studied afterward."

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Voice of the People.

, The Times-Disputch will print signed letters on all questions which relate to the public welfare. Such articles should not exceed in length 150 worfet, except under exceptional circumstances, and should be signed with the Chi name of the writer, and should hear his or her address. The name of the writer will be withheld if dealred.

telligent and more cultured than a sim-

What is true of Indiana is true, so being no longer available for orders. Mr. Cortelyou must carry around the basket himself to look for the pieces of that quondam boom.

"The phenomena is attracting gen-

Famous Words of Famous Men.

"When Greeks Joined Greeks, Then Was the Tug of War." NATHANIEL LEE, English Dramatist, 1677.



an English dramatist, who died n fees at threynine, and his most
notable tragedy,
"The Rival
Queens; or, The
Death of Alexander the Great,"
which was first
presented in 1677,
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gated to compara-tive obscurity. Yet the "Rival Queens" held the English stage until at least 1823, and its characters have been personated by the Kembles, the Keans, Betterton and other equally well-known dramatic stars of that era.

Lee had previously written the tragedles of "Nero" and "Gloriana." But the "Rival Queens" was the author's first attempt at blank

forts to wear the buskin, was a failure. As an effective reader, however, there was none who could excel him, and many aspiring individuals, after listening to Lee's recital of the lines of some of his own characters, have abandoned an intended task in despair.

In some instances Lee collaborated with Dryden. The original adaptation of the Greek tragedy of Coping. This old play of Sophocles, as translated by Lee and Dryden, in 1679, was a great success at the Dukes Theatre, in Dorset.

Among Lee's other tragedies, of forts to wear the buskin, was a

Nathaniel Lee, an English dramatist, who died in 1692 at thirty-nine, and his most notable tragedy, "The Rival Queens; or, The Death of Alexander the Great," which was first with the dramatist became insane, as one of the results of an overindulgent career, and was confined in the Bethlehem Hospital, at London, for five years. While in his lucid moments his pen was busy, and his own description of "a madman" is one of the curlosities in literature.

"But If you hint the cause that hurt

"But if you hint the cause that hurt his brain.

Then his teeth grash, he foams, he shakes his chain,
His eyeballs roll, and he is mad again."

again."

In the first scene of the second act of the "The Rival Queens" the author interpolated two verses. The first line of the first verse, "See, the conquering hero comes," has been erroneously attributed to Lee. Both of these stanzas were written by Dr. Thomas Morell for Handel's oratorio of "Joshua," and were afterward transferred to "Judas Maccabeus."

In the second scene of the fourth

Maccabeus."

In the second scene of the fourth act, the drumatist presents Clytus and Lysimachus with King Alexander. Another courtler is also in the scene, and Lysimachus and his companion are engaged in praising the monarch by magniloquent references to his prowess in war. Lysimachus speaks of Cyrus, Alcides, the great Achilies, and by comparison places them all below Alexander.

"Alexander—I should be glad to learn—instruct me, sir. Clytus—Your father, Philip—I have zeen him march, And fought beneath his dre afful banner, when The boldest at this table would have trembled. When Greeks joined Greeks, then was the tug of war."

HER TASTE FOR GORE.

breathless to see whether the old count trimes and the arrival of Laura Jean Libbey with eighty new melodramas. The Houston Post announces that the red-bearded Texas widows are now divithdrawn from circulation. They the circulation manager was lavish with diubling offers, long-time pays never had any in these parts though the circulation manager was lavish with clubbing offers, long-time pays never had any in these parts though the circulation manager was lavish with clubbing offers, long-time pays never had any in these parts though the circulation with great process. The more money that its spent for foreign missions in Pittsburg and New York, the better for human society.

The American foreign mission board, which calls for \$2,000,000, should distinct use the country that the failure of the Paragraphors Union to thing the circulation of the country that the failure of the Paragraphors Union to thing the presiding magistrate, or cover, and with this view of for the paragraphors union to the paragraphors union I was arrested, as the reading public

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Then stating that Latin (as I knew) was required for entrance, he adds:
"But it need not be studied after-ward."

The Governor's Message.

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Editor of the Three-Dispatch:

Sir-in your editorial headed The the Governor's warrend that the feet of the particular deep, mysterious shadows all county of the Governor and the governor was all the feet of the governor was all the Governor's warrend things by the Chief Excentive, which in your opinion, should our Virginia law-makers. The point you make is, have no obto wheel taken, but readers to what I conceive to be the most important oversight that the Governor has a conceived the things of the pasternor was dark the feet of the pasternor was dark the feet of the pasternor was dark the conceived the things of the pasternor was dark the feet of the pasternor was dark the feet of the pasternor was dark the conceived the things of the pasternor was dark the feet of the

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—We, the undersigned, ask for
a little space in your paper in order
to state to the people of Richmond
our side of a controversy that has
occurred between us and the police of

JOSEPH P. CAMPBELL, FRANK F. YOUNG. January 12, 1908.

IN MARY'S REIGN

By BARONESS EMMUSKA ORCZY.

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CHAPTER IX.

The Velled Witch.

With the evil eye, the dispenser of witch the extraction death.

They had forgotten the guard now.

Their lawlessness knew no bounds.

But for the incessant din of the criers, their own yells of exectation, their distribution of the gaping multiple girl, could not have failed to aphive girl, could not have f

of sweating sickness, of hell-fire, raged through these poor, misguided fellows minds.

What did they know of charlatanism or trickery? To them it was all real living awesome, terrible. The devil was a person with glowing eyes, two horns and a forked tail, who caused innocent people to fall flat on their backs and foam at the mouth.

Every malady then unknown to science was ascribed to hellish agency. And here, within a few yards, was an uncarthly creature who actually consorted with the creator of all evil, who will wilfully brought him up from his burning abode below the earth, and let him loose upon this peaceful village and its God-fearing inhabitants.

"Nay! burn her! burn her!" they shouted brandishing their sticks, emboldened through their very cowardice into deeds they would otherwise never have contemplated without a shudder. And they shouted in order to keep up their exattation and their excitement: the devil is known to favor whisperings.

down from the old elm trees.

Matthew the while, a still the ring-leader of this dastardly crew, was directing these greenem operations.

"Hist:" he admonished incessantly. "not so much noise. . . We don't want he guard to come this way, do we? . Now, John the smith, the wheelwright, thy tinder, friend.

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reed of the fiftul flicker of the torch, as the resin became ignited, threw the more distant figure of the woman into complete gloom.

Then there was a sudden shout of triumph. The torch was blazing at